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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES

Applicants: Frank J. McConnell et al. Attorney Docket No.: SACO115537  
Application No.: 09/658,770 Art Unit: 3626 / Confirmation No.: 4422  
Filed: September 11, 2000 Examiner: Natalie Pass  
Title: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR PROVIDING INSURANCE POLICIES VIA  
A DISTRIBUTED COMPUTING NETWORK

**STATUS REQUEST**

March 7, 2006

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

Appellants filed a Request for an Oral Hearing on August 12, 2005. More than six months have passed, and Appellants have not received any communication from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office indicating when the Oral Hearing will be scheduled. Appellants respectfully request that the Office provide a status update on the progress of this Appeal.

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